

## War Bulletins Principals Features On Portage Lake.

### First Naval Conflict Reported.

Evidently the Production of Some Was, But Is Not Confirmed—Warriors Very Enthusiastic.

The war bulletin in front of Nichol's drug store and the Tacoma cafe were the principals of interest in Hancock yesterday morning. Bulletin in front of the drug store was sent on from Marquette and received here at 8:30 yesterday morning and was a synopsis of what appeared in the Mining Journal of that day and the bulk of which appeared in the Evening News the night before. The first part on it attracted considerable attention, but it proved a case where all old things weren't new. The chief attraction and which caused no end of talk was the bulletin in front of the Tacoma cafe. The bulletin referred to read follows:

TEST—Press Despatch—War declared. First naval engagement. Flying Squadron meets Spanish flotilla. Both fleets maneuvering for position off the coast of Cuba. Spanish flotilla gives opening which was immediately taken advantage of by a desperate rush on the part of the Torpedo boats doing great execution, having disabled Spanish transport which is sinking rapidly. Easy victory for flying squadron. Wounded and killed impossible to estimate on either side. Havana bombarded and citizens retreating to interior. "Vessels" doing great work with dynamite. One hundred and twenty-five thousand troops ordered to leave for Cuba at once. Congress appropriates \$10,000,000 for immediate war purposes. President McKinley in secret session with cabinet. Dated, 10 a. m. p.

The above was evidently the production of some wag, but rumor had it it was a "blank (ser)" despatch, but diligent enquiry failed to substantiate the rumor. At any rate the bulletin had the desired effect, for many of our citizens are hot for war, were mostly beautifully "strung," one being heard to claim, "Hurrah for America, we have taken them before breakfast. At one time during the morning some of the wags secured the services of a traveling musician, and for a time Italy was with Uncle Sam, for he sat close to the bulletin board playing "Marching Through Georgia" and "Yankee Doodle," and ending up with "a hot time," surrounded by an enthusiastic crowd.

On Saturday evening there will be an amateur sparring contest at the Armory, Houghton, in which the best men of the Upper Peninsula will participate. Mas Moscow, the wiry Indian from Ignace, who claims to be the best amateur boxer in the State, will be there, also Billy Davis, colored, and Homer Hancock, of Baraga, both of whom are considered to be extremely clever, also M. Snyder, of Sault Ste. Marie and The Michigan Kid," said to be the best 15 pound sparrer in the Upper Peninsula. Patrick Henry Murphy, of Thomas, will also be there. Murphy has never been defeated for points in any boxing contest and his friends claim he is to be equal to Moscow the Indian. In addition to these, several local amateurs will come together. There will be at least seven matches and those who enjoy glove contests for points, if present, are assured an evening's entertainment will be offered in these parts. Music, singing and clog dancing will be indulged in between bouts and everything will be done for the entertainment of those present. The contests are in charge of a reliable and competent committee of business men of Houghton and Hancock, owing to this being the first contest of the kind ever held on Portage Lake, all endeavor to make these a success. The first match will be called at 8 o'clock sharp and those who intend to be present are asked to be in the hall by that time. The admission price has not yet been determined, but will probably be 50 cents for general admission, 75 cents for reserved seats and stage seats \$1, and at these prices everyone present will receive their money's worth in amusement.

The work on the draw for the Portage bridge, as far as the bridge builders concerned, is practically completed, they drove their last bolt last evening. The draw was turned and it worked to perfection. What other work that has to be done, such as laying the sidewalk, putting up the railing and enclosing the draw, which is used to turn the draw, will be done by the Mineral Range carriers. The tug Valerie was at work yesterday, pulling up the piles which were driven in the channel and which were found necessary in the erection of the new draw. This work will be completed today, when the draw will be put in for active work. It was feared at one time that the draw would not be completed by the opening of navigation, but by steady work and working a large

force of men the work has been completed in good time. Neither has the work interfered in the least with the running of the trains. The bridge builders left today for their several homes.

Tonight the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. will open their third annual bazaar, for the success of which they have been working long and hard, and it is to be hoped that their efforts in the good cause will be appreciated by our townspeople and that they will turn out in large numbers both tonight and tomorrow night. At this season of the year aprons, children's underwear, shirt-waists, etc., are in great demand. The ladies will have numerous articles of that kind for sale, all of their own handiwork, and by patronizing them you will not only get your money's worth in the article purchased, but help a good cause along. Each evening a substantial supper will be served which should be taken advantage of by our business people. During the evening the ladies will serve ice cream, ices, strawberries and cream and cake for 15 cents. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend and help in any way you see fit to make the bazaar a success financially as well as socially.

Tonight "A Bachelor's Honeymoon," one of Hoyt's brightest and most laughable comedies will be presented at the Armory opera house, Houghton. The company that plays here tonight is the same that made such a success of the play when it first came out in New York city. The whole company is made up of artists, and in this entertainment the people of Portage Lake have a rare treat in store for them. The reserved seats have been already well sold and the indications are that the Bachelor will be greeted by a large and appreciative audience.

Fires were yesterday started under the boilers of the steam barge Argonaut and the engineer and assistant are busy making the necessary connections of the machinery. The exact date the boat will sail depends entirely when this work is completed, but will be some day next week. The captain has not yet received his orders from headquarters, but expects to sail for either Marquette or Ashland. The crew will be made up of men from Hancock.

The undersigned has 1,000 samples of wall paper, ranging in price from 1 cent to \$1.50 per roll, and will be pleased to show the same to anyone dropping him a postal card. This is the finest display of wall paper ever shown in the copper country. Paper-hanging, ornamental and house painting neatly and promptly executed. I solicit a share of the public patronage.

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The detail work connected with the plans and specifications for the new city hall to be built at Hancock, have arrived from the architects at Milwaukee. They will be turned over to the various contractors for them to bid on, and the contract will be let at once. The building will be constructed entirely of Lake Superior sandstone and when completed will be a beautiful building and the pride of the city.

Martin Dea of the telephone company, has a force of men at work laying a temporary cable across Portage Lake. The lines had to be changed so as not to interfere with the working of the draw. A new cable is expected to arrive from below, when it will be permanently laid across the lake. The changing of the wires will not interfere in the least with the telephone service.

The Y. M. C. A. Sunday meeting will be addressed by the Rev. Watson B. Millard of Port Huron, who is temporarily residing here, he is said to be an excellent talker and the services should be largely attended. The services will be conducted upstairs over the reading room, as the auditorium is being used for bazaar purposes.

Our numerous Portage Lake readers were disappointed last evening on account of the special war telegrams from Washington failing to make their appearance, the cause being the lateness in which they arrived at Calumet. However, they were seen later in the evening at several of our business places.

The Dollar Bay cornet band give a dance tonight at Miller's Hall. Tickets will be 50 cents a couple and a good time is guaranteed. Several Portage Lake young people have declared their intentions of driving down and attending. An invitation is extended to all.

The pulpit of the Hancock Congregational church will be occupied next Sunday and the Sunday following by the Rev. Watson B. Millard of Port Huron, who is a candidate for the position of pastor.

LOST—A bunch of keys between the Quincy hall and Hancock. Finder please leave same at W. A. Washburn's store, and receive reward.

Mr. August Peltto returned from Calumet yesterday where he succeeded in taking orders for several suits.

The attention of our readers is called to the several new "ads" which appear on this page.

Mr. W. J. Reynolds of Laurium, transacted business at Hancock yesterday.

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### TRAINING OF FIREMEN.

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Joseph A. Rills writes of "Heroes Who Fight Fire" in The Century. The article is one of the series on "Heroes of Peace." Mr. Rills says:

Firemen are athletes as a matter of course. They have to be, or they could not hold their places for a week, even if they could get into them at all. The mere handling of the scaling ladders, which, light though they seem, weigh from 16 to 40 pounds, requires unusual strength. No particular skill is needed. A man need only have steady nerve and the strength to raise the long pole by its narrow end and jam the iron hook through a window which he cannot see but knows is there. Once through, the teeth in the hook and the man's weight upon the ladder hold it safe, and there is no danger unless he loses his head. Against that possibility the severe drill in the school of instruction is the barrier. Any one to whom climbing at dizzy heights or doing the hundred and one things of peril to ordinary men which firemen are constantly called upon to do causes the least discomfort is rejected as unfit. About 5 per cent of all applicants are eliminated by the ladder test and never get beyond their probation service. A certain smaller percentage takes itself out through loss of "nerve" generally. The first experience of a room full of smothering smoke, with the fire roaring overhead, is generally sufficient to convince the timid that the service is not for him. No cowards are dismissed from the department, for the reason that none get into it.

The notion that there is a life saving corps apart from the general body of firemen rests upon a mistake. They are one. Every fireman nowadays must pass muster at life saving drill, must climb to the top of any building on his scaling ladder, slide down with a rescued comrade or jump without hesitation from the third story into the life net spread below. By such training the men are fitted for their work, and the occasion comes soon that puts them to the test. It came to Daniel J. Mengher, foreman of Hook and Ladder company No. 5, when in the midnight hour a woman hung from the fifth story window of a burning building, and the longest ladder at hand fell short ten or a dozen feet of reaching her. The boldest man in the crew had vainly attempted to reach her and in the effort had sprained his foot. There were no scaling ladders

then. Mengher ordered the rest to plant the ladder on the stoop and hold it out from the building so that he might reach the very topmost step. Balanced thus where the slightest tremor might have caused ladder and all to crash to the ground, he bade the woman drop and, receiving her in his arms, carried her down safe.

A Long Range Shave.

Callino's master, very busy with some important work, does not wish to be troubled with the noise of the coming and going of tradespeople and servants and gives orders that none shall be admitted till he has gone out.

The first one who comes is the barber. "Go on," says Callino; "come again when he has gone out!"—Paris Gaulois.

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